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Description

[0001] The present invention relates to a thermosetting laminate for floors with an extremely increased abrasion resistance.

[0002] Decorative thermosetting laminates are well-known and used for instance as covering material for walls, cupboard doors, desktops, tabletops, for other furniture and as flooring material.

[0003] Such laminates are often made by laminating under heat and pressure of two to seven kraft paper sheets impregnated with phenol-formaldehyde resin, a monochromatic or patterned decor paper sheet impregnated with melamine-formaldehyde resin and a fine so-called overlay sheet of α -cellulose impregnated with melamine-formaldehyde resin.

[0004] The overlay sheet is intended to protect the decor paper sheet from abrasion. In certain cases the overlay sheet is omitted.

[0005] There are also laminates consisting of a base layer of particle board or fibre board provided with such a decor paper sheet and possibly an overlay sheet. These sheets can be laminated towards the base layer under heat and pressure. If a decor paper sheet only is used and no overlay sheet, the decor paper sheet can be glued towards the base layer instead.

[0006] The laminates have many good properties. However, it has turned out that there is a great need of improving the abrasion resistance of the laminates exposed to an extreme abrasion. This is especially the case with laminates for floors but to a certain extent also laminates for desktops and tabletops.

[0007] It has been tried before to improve the abrasion resistance of these laminates by addition of small, hard particles for instance of aluminum oxide already at the production of the overlay paper of α -cellulose. Then the particles have been spread over a layer of wet α -cellulose fibers on the wire of a paper machine.

[0008] At said method the particles are distributed more or less irregularly within the whole fibre layer. Some of these particles even pass through the wire. Thus, in the overlay paper obtained the hard particles will be distributed in an uncontrollable way. It is impossible by this known method to get an even distribution of the hard particles on the surface of the paper, where they give the best effect against abrasion.

[0009] In other words the laminates obtained containing such an overlay sheet will get an uneven quality in respect of abrasion resistance.

[0010] In the Swedish patent application 8800550-9 a decorative thermosetting laminate with an abrasion resistant surface layer is disclosed. The laminate comprises at least one paper sheet placed as the uppermost sheet or rather close to the surface of the laminate. Said sheet had been impregnated with a thermosetting resin, preferably melamine-formaldehyde resin, coated with small dry hard particles evenly distributed over the resin coated surface, whereupon the resin had been dried.

[0011] Then the particle coated paper sheet consists of the decor sheet or the so-called overlay paper, which is often made of α -cellulose. In certain cases both an overlay paper and a decor paper coated with particles in said way can be used.

[0012] At said invention only one decor sheet is used in the usual way.

[0013] The laminate disclosed gets a far better abrasion resistance than the previously known decorative laminates. However, there is a need to be able to produce laminates with even better abrasion resistance, for instance as flooring material in public premises, lifts or the like.

[0014] Previously it has not been considered to be possible to satisfy this need. However, by a new revolutionary way of thinking it has now according to the present invention been possible to produce a decorative thermosetting laminate with an extremely increased abrasion resistance. Said laminate comprises a base layer and at least two patterned decor sheets of paper impregnated with a thermosetting resin and firmly bonded to the base layer.

[0015] The present invention comprises a decorative thermosetting laminate for floors with an extremely increased abrasion resistance of at least 7500 revolutions (IP-point), preferably at least 1000 revolutions (IP-point), comprising a base layer, at least two patterned decor sheets of paper and possibly at least one unpatterned paper sheet, all these paper sheets being impregnated with a thermosetting resin and firmly bonded to the base layer, the paper material of these sheets being transparent and at least one of the decor sheets or unpatterned transparent paper sheets being provided with a resin coated surface having small hard particles evenly distributed over said surface, wherein an unpatterned paper sheet may be placed as the uppermost sheet in the laminate on top of the decor sheets, the patterned decor sheets are placed on top of each other in such a manner that the patterns are displaced in relation to each other.

[0016] The use of two or more decor sheets in this way in a decorative thermosetting laminate according to the invention is quite brilliant. Previously, usually only one decor sheet has been used. Different methods for protection of the pattern of this decor sheet against abrasion have been suggested as mentioned above. However, once the pattern had been abraded the laminate had to be exchanged.

[0017] In the European patent publication 0249583 a laminate comprising a core of a large number of substantially translucent sheets of α -cellulose and rayon fibres is disclosed. In the embodiment examples 50 such sheets are used

to give an opalescent decorative effect of the laminate. No decorative sheet is used in two of the examples while one conventional decorative sheet is used in the last example, where said sheet is placed with 25 translucent α -cellulose sheets on each side.

[0018] It is mentioned in the above European patent application that at least some of the translucent sheets may be printed. However, there is no disclosure of a decorative thermosetting laminate for floors and in particular no such laminate with an extremely increased abrasion resistance.

[0019] Instead the main idea according to said patent seems to be the use of a core of large a number of translucent sheets to get a decorative opalescence in the laminate.

[0020] US-A-3 946 137 discloses a decorative plastic laminate having high wear resistance, which comprises at least one opaque pigmented alpha-cellulose decorative paper layer.

[0021] US-A-3 716 440 discloses a decorative laminate having a surface look of really metallic luster comprising two sheets of printed paper having coinciding printed patterns.

[0022] The copending European patent application 93 119 199 comprises a decorative thermosetting laminate for floors with an extremely increased abrasion resistance of at least 7500 revolutions (IP-point), preferably at least 10000 revolutions (IP-point) comprising a base layer, at least two patterned decor sheets of paper and possibly at least one unpatterned paper sheet, all these paper sheets being impregnated with a thermosetting resin and firmly bonded to the base layer, the paper material of these sheets being transparent and at least one of the patterned transparent paper sheets being provided with a resin coated surface having small hard particles evenly distributed over said surface, wherein a patterned paper sheet is placed as the uppermost sheet in the laminate, said decor sheets being provided with the same Pattern and placed on top of each other in such a manner that the corresponding parts of the pattern of the sheets coincide at least mainly but preferably fully with each other, whereby the pattern at abrasion of one decor sheet will be repeated in the the next decor sheet.

[0023] In order to get the present invention to work the paper material of the decor sheets must be transparent. Preferably it is made of α -cellulose.

[0024] When the pattern on the first transparent decor paper in the laminate has been worn out, the pattern of the next decor sheet will be seen through the first transparent decor paper and so on. In this way the abrasion through the laminate will go on and nobody will notice that the pattern will be worn out.

[0025] The conventional decor papers used before at the production of decorative thermosetting laminates cannot be used according to the present invention. Thus, they are not transparent but made of a simpler kind of paper containing fillers etc. This usual non-transparent paper would cover the pattern of a decor sheet situated below and thereby destroy the continuity of the pattern through the different decor sheets.

[0026] The transparent paper used for the decor sheets is preferably calandered or prepared in another way to make the printing possible.

[0027] The laminate can also contain natural, unpatterned, transparent paper sheets. These can be placed between the decor sheets. Often there is also at least one unpatterned transparent paper sheet as a so-called overlay constituting the top layer in the laminate.

[0028] At least one of the patterned or unpatterned, transparent α -cellulose paper respectively is treated to give the laminate an extra abrasion resistance. Then the paper is impregnated with a thermosetting resin, preferably melamine-formaldehyde resin, coated with small, hard particles evenly distributed over the resin coated surface, whereupon the resin is dried.

[0029] The hard particles can consist of many different materials. It is especially suitable to use silica, aluminum oxide and/or silicon carbide. Thus, a mixture of two or more materials is possible.

[0030] The size of the particles is important for the final result. If the particles are too big the surface of the laminate will be rough and unpleasant. On the other hand too small particles can give too low abrasion resistance. Suitably the average particle size is about 1-80 μm , preferably about 5-60 μm .

[0031] Also other methods for increasing the abrasion resistance of the paper sheets can be used within the scope of the present invention.

[0032] The base layer can consist of particle board or fibre board, whereby the transparent decor sheets and any possible unpatterned transparent paper sheets are bonded to the base layer by gluing or by heat and pressure. The base layer can also consist of one or more paper sheets, impregnated with a thermosetting resin. These sheets are bonded together and to the other paper sheets by curing under heat and pressure. Usually phenol-formaldehyde resin is used for impregnation of the paper sheets in the base layer. There is no need for these sheets to be transparent. Therefore usual non-transparent kraft paper sheets are preferred.

[0033] It is self-evident that the invention is not limited to laminates made of paper sheets containing melamine-formaldehyde resin and phenol-formaldehyde resin. Also other thermosetting resins such as phenol-urea-formaldehyde resin and polyester resin are possible.

[0034] The very lowest decor sheet in the laminate can consist of a conventional non-transparent paper which can be monochromatic or patterned.

[0035] The invention will be explained further in connection with the embodiment examples below. Example 1 shows production of a conventional decorative thermosetting laminate without any special abrasion preventing additives. According to example 2, a special known overlay paper was used, where small hard particles had been added to the paper fibers already at the production of the paper. Example 3 illustrates a process according to one embodiment of the invention protected by the Swedish patent application 8800550-9.

[0036] Examples 4 and 5 show a variation of the process according to example 1, where a larger number of so-called overlay sheets of α -cellulose were used. Thus, examples 1-5 relate to comparison test outside the scope of the present invention. Also Examples 6-12 illustrate different embodiments of the laminate which are not according with the claims.

Example 1

[0037] A roll of transparent so-called overlay paper of α -cellulose with a surface weight of 40 g/m^2 was impregnated with a solution of melamine-formaldehyde resin to a resin content of 70 percent by weight calculated on dry impregnated paper. The impregnated paper web was then fed continuously into a heating oven where the solvent was evaporated. At the same time the resin was partially cured to so-called B-stage. Usually the product obtained is called prepreg. The paper web was cut to sheets having a suitable length. The sheets were then automatically stacked on top of each other.

[0038] A roll of conventional non-transparent so-called decor paper with a surface weight of 80 g/m^2 and provided with a printed decor pattern was treated in the same way as the overlay paper. The resin content was 48 percent by weight calculated on dry impregnated paper.

[0039] A roll of kraft paper with a surface weight of 170 g/m^2 was also treated in the same way with the exception that the resin consisted of phenol-formaldehyde resin instead of melamine-formaldehyde resin. The resin content was 30 percent calculated on dry impregnated paper.

[0040] Three of the above prepreg sheets impregnated with phenol-formaldehyde resin (so-called core paper), one decor paper and an overlay paper were placed between two press plates. These sheets were pressed in a conventional multi-opening press at a pressure of 90 kp/cm^2 and a temperature of 145°C for 45 minutes to a homogenous decorative laminate.

[0041] The abrasion resistance of the laminate obtained was tested according to the ISO-standard 4586/2 -83 by means of an apparatus called Taber Abraser, model 503. According to said standard the abrasion of the decor layer of the finished laminate is measured in two steps. In step 1 the so-called IP-point (initial point) is measured, where the starting abrasion takes place.

[0042] In step 2 the so-called EP-point (end-point) is measured, where 95 % of the decor layer has been abraded.

[0043] Moreover, the above ISO-standard stipulates that the number of revolutions obtained with the test machine in step 1 and step 2 are added, whereupon the sum obtained is divided with 2. Thereby, the 50 percent point for abrasion is obtained, which is normally reported in standards and off-prints.

[0044] However, in the present and the following examples only the IP-point is used.

[0045] At the test of the above laminate a value of 200 revolutions was obtained for the IP-point, which is normal for a decorative laminate without any reinforcement of the abrasion layer.

Example 2

[0046] In a paper mill an α -cellulose overlay paper was manufactured with a surface weight of 40 g/m^2 by feeding suspended α -cellulose fibers from the head box to the wire of a paper machine. Aluminum oxide particles with an average particle size of about $50 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$ were applied to the upper side of the wet fiber layer in an amount of 3 g/m^2 .

[0047] At the subsequent manufacture of the overlay paper the hard particles were distributed more or less irregularly within the whole paper. Some particles landed close to the surface, some near to the middle and some in the lower part of the paper. Certain particles even passed through the whole fibre layer and out of the wire. Thus, they were not left in the finished paper.

[0048] The overlay paper produced was impregnated with the same amount of melamine-formaldehyde resin and thereafter treated also as to the rest in the same way as according to Example 1.

[0049] A laminate was produced with the same number of sheets and construction as disclosed in Example 1. The pressing took place under the same conditions too.

[0050] The abrasion resistance of the laminate obtained was tested in the same way as according to Example 1. An IP-value of 600 revolutions was obtained.

Example 3

[0051] The process according to Example 1 was repeated with the difference that immediately after the impregnation

of the transparent α -cellulose paper but before the drying, aluminum oxide particles with an average particle size of about 50 μm were applied to the upper side of the paper in an amount of 3 g/m².

[0052] Thus, the aluminum oxide particles were applied in the melamine-formaldehyde resin, which had not dried yet.

[0053] At the subsequent drying the particles were enclosed in the resin layer and consequently concentrated to the surface of the prepreg produced. The overlay sheet was placed with the particle coated side upwards in relation to the decor paper. The abrasion resistance of the laminate produced was tested in the same way as according to Example 1. An IP-value of 2000 revolutions was measured.

Example 4

[0054] The process according to Example 1 was repeated with the difference that also two, three, six and ten sheets respectively of α -cellulose were used instead of one such sheet.

[0055] The abrasion resistance of the laminates obtained was tested in the same way as in Example 1.

The following values were obtained:

For one sheet of α -cellulose	IP = 200 revolutions
For two sheets of α -cellulose	IP = 450 revolutions
For three sheets of α -cellulose	IP = 900 revolutions
For six sheets of α -cellulose	IP = 1 300 revolutions
For ten sheets of α -cellulose	IP = 5 200 revolutions

[0056] Accordingly the abrasion resistance increases at an increased number of α -cellulose sheets. However, the pattern of the pressed decorative laminates was not attractive any more. The higher number of α -cellulose sheets which had been put on top of each other the hazier and the more indistinct the decor sheet situated underneath appeared.

[0057] Therefore, the decorative laminates produced did not meet the requirement on quality of the pattern. Moreover, the abrasion resistance obtained was not high enough to permit the use of the laminate in an extremely abrasion resistant environment.

Example 5

[0058] The process according to Example 4 was repeated with the difference that α -cellulose sheets from Example 3 were used instead of the α -cellulose sheets from Example 1.

[0059] Decorative laminates were produced according to Example 1 with the difference that one, two, three, six and ten sheets respectively of α -cellulose with hard particles according to Example 3 were used.

[0060] The abrasion resistance of the laminates obtained was tested in the same way as in Example 1.

The following values were obtained:

For one sheet of α -cellulose with hard particles	IP = 2 000 rev.
For two sheets of α -cellulose with hard particles	IP = 6 000 rev.
For three sheets of α -cellulose with hard particles	IP = 9 000 rev.
For six sheets of α -cellulose with hard particles	IP = 20 000 rev.
For ten sheets of α -cellulose with hard particles	IP = 40 000 rev.

[0061] Thus, the abrasion resistance increases drastically when the number of sheets of α -cellulose with hard particles is increased. However, the higher number of α -cellulose sheets which had been put on top of each other the hazier and the more indistinct the decor sheet situated underneath appeared.

[0062] The laminates produced met very high requirements on abrasion resistance but they did not meet the requirement on quality of the pattern, due to the haziness.

Example 6

[0063] A roll of transparent paper of α -cellulose calandered to a Beck number of about 100 seconds and with a surface weight of 40 g/m² was provided with a printed decor pattern by means of the so-called Rotary Screen method.

[0064] Another such paper roll was provided with a printed decor pattern by means of photogravure printing.

[0065] The two paper rolls with printed pattern were impregnated with a solution of melamine-formaldehyde resin to a resin content of 45 percent by weight calculated on dry impregnated paper.

[0066] The two rolls of impregnated paper were then fed continuously into a heating oven, where the solvent was evaporated. At the same time the resin was partially cured to so-called B-stage. Usually the product obtained is called prepreg.

[0067] The paper webs were cut to sheets having a suitable length. Then the sheets were stacked automatically on top of each other.

[0068] The decor sheets obtained, which had been printed by the Rotary Screen method, were then combined with the natural transparent α -cellulose sheets containing hard particles disclosed in Example 3.

[0069] The sheets were put on top of each other in such a way that every second sheet was a natural α -cellulose sheet containing hard particles and every second sheet was a decor sheet.

[0070] The decor sheets were placed in such a manner that corresponding parts of the pattern in the different sheets were situated exactly above each other. Thus, the same pattern was repeated exactly through all the decor sheets.

[0071] The following combinations were pressed in the same way as according to Example 1 together with three core paper sheets impregnated with phenol-formaldehyde resin at the bottom:

a) 3 natural α -cellulose sheets with hard particles and 3 decor sheets were placed on top of each other, every second one of each kind with an α -cellulose sheet containing hard particles on the top.

b) in the same way as a) but with 5 natural α -cellulose sheets with hard particles and 5 decor sheets placed on top of each other, every second one of each kind with a natural α -cellulose sheet containing hard particles on the top.

c) in the same way as a), but with 10 natural α -cellulose sheets with hard particles and 10 decor sheets placed on top of each other, every second one of each kind with a natural α -cellulose sheet containing hard particles on the top.

[0072] The abrasion resistance of the decorative laminates obtained was tested in the same way as in Example 1. The following values were obtained:

a)	3 + 3	IP = 8 000 revolutions
b)	5 + 5	IP = 20 000 revolutions
c)	10 + 10	IP = 40 000 revolutions

[0073] At all these alternatives a considerably higher abrasion resistance was obtained than at previously known decorative thermosetting laminates. However, the alternatives b) and c) gave an absolutely exceptional abrasion resistance.

[0074] Also in respect of the design a fully acceptable pattern was obtained. It had a nice deep effect.

[0075] The laminate is very suitable as flooring material where the abrasion is extremely high. By the above pattern adapted stacking of the decor sheets the original pattern will be kept during the whole life of the floor in spite of the abrasion taking place in its surface.

Example 7

[0076] The process according to Example 6 was repeated with the difference that the decor sheets were used which had been printed by photogravure printing. The same values in respect of abrasion resistance as according to Example 6 were obtained. The patterns became as fine as at the laminates produced according to Example 6.

Example 8

[0077] A roll of transparent paper of α -cellulose calandered to a Beck number of about 100 seconds was provided with a printed decor pattern by means of the so-called Rotary Screen method.

[0078] Another such paper roll was provided with a printed decor pattern by means of photogravure printing.

[0079] The two paper rolls were impregnated with a solution of melamine-formaldehyde resin to a resin content of 45 percent by weight calculated on dry impregnated paper.

[0080] Immediately after the impregnation, but before the drying of the melamine-formaldehyde resin, hard aluminum oxide particles with an average particle size of 45 μm were applied to the upper side of the paper in an amount of 3 g/m².

[0081] The two rolls of impregnated paper were then fed continuously into a heating oven, where the solvent was evaporated. At the same time the resin was partially cured to so-called B-stage. Usually the product obtained is called prepreg.

[0082] The paper webs were cut to sheets having a suitable length. Then the sheets were stacked automatically on top of each other.

[0083] The decor sheets obtained which had been printed by the Rotary Screen method were then combined with the natural transparent α -cellulose sheets containing hard particles disclosed in Example 3.

[0084] The decor sheets and the transparent α -cellulose sheet containing hard particles were laminated in the same way as according to Example 1 together with three core paper sheets at the very bottom impregnated with phenol-formaldehyde resin.

[0085] The following combinations were pressed:

a) on the top a natural, transparent α -cellulose sheet containing hard particles and under said sheet 3 decor sheets containing hard particles. The decor sheets were placed in such a way that corresponding parts of the pattern in the different sheets were situated exactly over each other.

b) in the same way as a) but with 5 decor sheets.

c) in the same way as a) but with 10 decor sheets.

[0086] The abrasion resistance of the decorative laminates obtained were tested in the same way as in Example 1. The following values were obtained:

a)	1+3	IP = 7 500 revolutions
b)	1+5	IP = 18 000 revolutions
c)	1+10	IP = 39 000 revolutions

[0087] On the whole the abrasion resistance was unchanged as compared with the result of the corresponding tests according to Example 6, in spite of the fact that all but one of the unpatterned natural α -cellulose sheets with hard particles had been omitted.

[0088] The other results were also unchanged as compared with Example 6.

[0089] By omitting so many natural α -cellulose sheets the content of melamine resin in the surface layer of the laminate was decreased to less than 50 percent in comparison with the process according to Example 6. This results in laminates which are not so brittle and the tendency of the laminate to become unlevel (curved) decreases.

Example 9

[0090] The process according to Example 8 was repeated with the difference that the decor sheets which had been printed by photogravure printing were used. The same results as in Example 8 were obtained in all aspects.

Example 10

[0091] The process according to Example 8 was repeated with the difference that one underlay sheet (U-sheet) of non-transparent cellulose was placed between the lowermost of the decor sheets and the uppermost of the three core

paper sheets impregnated with phenol-formaldehyde resin.

[0092] The U-sheet was monochromatic with a colour harmonizing with the decor sheets.

[0093] The U-sheets were impregnated with melamine-formaldehyde resin and partially cured to so-called B-stage. No small hard particles were applied to these U-sheets.

[0094] By means of the U-sheet, the unaesthetic dark brown colour of the core sheets can be hidden. Therefore, the last decorative sheet of the laminate can stand a higher degree of abrasion before the laminate has to be exchanged.

[0095] The abrasion resistance of the decorative laminates obtained was tested in the same way as in Example 1. The following values were obtained.

a)	1 + 3 + 1 U-sheet	IP = 10 000 revolutions
b)	1 + 5 + 1 U-sheet	IP = 21 000 revolutions
c)	1 + 10 + 1 U-sheet	IP = 45 000 revolutions

[0096] The other results were unchanged as compared with Example 8.

Example 11

[0097] The process according to Example 10 was repeated with the difference that 8 g/m² of hard aluminum oxide particles were applied to the decorative sheets and the natural transparent α -cellulose sheet instead of 3 g/m².

[0098] The abrasion resistance of the decorative laminates obtained was tested in the same way as in Example 1.

The following values were obtained.

a)	1 + 3 + 1 U-sheet	IP = 20 000 revolutions
b)	1 + 5 + 1 U-sheet	IP = 45 000 revolutions
c)	1 + 10 + 1 U-sheet	IP = 98 000 revolutions

[0099] The other results were unchanged as compared with Example 10.

Example 12

[0100] The process according to Example 10 was repeated with the difference that the decor sheets from Example 8, which had been printed by photogravure printing, were used. The same results as in Example 10 were obtained in all aspects.

Claims

1. A decorative thermosetting laminate for floors with an extremely increased abrasion resistance of at least 7500 revolutions (IP-point), preferably at least 10000 revolutions (IP-point), comprising a base layer, at least two patterned decor sheets of paper and possibly at least one unpatterned paper sheet, all these paper sheets being impregnated with a thermosetting resin and firmly bonded to the base layer, the paper material of these sheets being transparent and at least one of the decor sheets or unpatterned transparent paper sheets being provided with a resin coated surface having small hard particles evenly distributed over said surface, wherein an unpatterned paper sheet may be placed as the uppermost sheet in the laminate on top of the decor sheets, the patterned decor sheets are placed on top of each other in such a manner that the patterns are displaced in relation to each other
2. A laminate according to claim 1, wherein the paper material of the decor sheets consists of α -cellulose.
3. A laminate according to claim 2, wherein the decor sheets are calandered or prepared in another way to make the printing possible.

4. A laminate according to any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein unpatterned, transparent paper sheets or sheets are placed between the transparent decor sheets of paper.
5. A laminate according to any one of the claims 1 to 4, wherein the hard particles consist of silica, aluminium oxide and/or silicon carbide.
6. A laminate according to claim 5, wherein the hard particles have an average particle size of about 1-80 μm , preferably about 5-60 μm .
7. A laminate according to any one of claims 1 to 6, wherein the base layer consists of a particle board or a fibre board.
8. A laminate according to any one of claims 1 to 6, wherein the base layer consists of one or more paper sheets impregnated with a thermosetting resin, which sheets have been bonded together and with the transparent paper sheets by curing under heat and pressure.

Patentansprüche

1. Härtpbares Zierlaminat für Fussböden mit einer äusserst erhöhten Abriebbeständigkeit von wenigstens 7.500 Umdrehungen (IP-Punkt), bevorzugt wenigstens 10.000 Umdrehungen (IP-Punkt), umfassend eine Basisschicht, wenigstens zwei gemusterte Dekorbögen aus Papier und gegebenenfalls wenigstens einen ungemusterten Papierbogen, wobei alle diese Papierbögen mit einem härtpbaren Harz imprägniert sind und fest an die Basisschicht gebunden sind, wobei das Papiermaterial dieser Bögen transparent ist und wenigstens einer der Dekorbögen oder ungemusterten transparenten Papierbögen mit einer harzbeschichteten Oberfläche mit kleinen harten Teilchen versehen ist, die gleichmässig über die Oberfläche verteilt sind, wobei ein ungemusterter Papierbogen als oberster Bogen im Laminat auf den Dekorbögen angebracht sein kann, und die gemusterten Dekorbögen übereinander in einer solchen Weise angebracht sind, dass die Muster zueinander versetzt sind.
2. Laminat gemäss Anspruch 1, worin das Papiermaterial der Dekorbögen aus α -Cellulose besteht.
3. Laminat gemäss Anspruch 2, worin die Dekorbögen kalandriert oder auf eine andere Weise hergestellt sind, um Bedrucken zu ermöglichen.
4. Laminat gemäss einem der Ansprüche 1 bis 3, worin ungemusterte transparente Papierbögen oder Bögen zwischen den transparenten Dekorbögen aus Papier angebracht sind.
5. Laminat gemäss einem der Ansprüche 1 bis 4, worin die harten Teilchen aus Silica, Aluminiumoxid und/oder Siliciumcarbid bestehen.
6. Laminat gemäss Anspruch 5, worin die harten Teilchen eine mittlere Teilchengrösse von etwa 1 bis 80 μm , bevorzugt etwa 5 bis 60 μm aufweisen.
7. Laminat gemäss einem der Ansprüche 1 bis 6, worin die Basisschicht aus einer Spanplatte oder einer Faserplatte besteht.
8. Laminat gemäss einem der Ansprüche 1 bis 6, worin die Basisschicht aus ein oder mehr Papierbögen besteht, die mit einem härtpbaren Harz imprägniert sind, wobei die Bögen miteinander und mit den transparenten Papierbögen durch Aushärten unter Wärme und Druck verbunden wurden.

Revendications

1. Stratifié thermodurcissable décoratif pour planchers, présentant une résistance à l'abrasion extrêmement accrue, d'au moins 7500 tours (point initial, IP), de préférence d'au moins 10000 tours (point initial, IP), comportant une couche de base, au moins deux feuilles de papier portant un motif décoratif, et éventuellement au moins une feuille de papier ne portant pas de motif, toutes ces feuilles de papier étant imprégnées d'une résine thermodurcissable et solidement collées à la couche de base, le papier de ces feuilles étant transparent et au moins l'une des feuilles de décoration ou des feuilles en papier transparentes ne portant pas de motif étant dotée d'une surface revêtue de résine présentant de petites particules dures réparties uniformément sur ladite surface, tandis qu'une feuille de papier ne portant pas de motif peut être placée comme feuille supérieure du stratifié, au-dessus des feuilles de

décor, les feuilles de décor portant un motif étant placées l'une au-dessus de l'autre de telle sorte que les motifs soient décalés l'un par rapport à l'autre.

2. Stratifié selon la revendication 1, dans lequel le papier des feuilles de décor est de l' α -cellulose.
3. Stratifié selon la revendication 2, dans lequel les feuilles de décor sont calandrées ou préparées d'une autre manière pour permettre l'impression.
4. Stratifié selon l'une quelconque des revendications 1 à 3, dans lequel des feuilles en papier transparentes ou des feuilles ne portant pas de motif sont placées entre les feuilles de papier transparentes, portant un motif décoratif.
5. Stratifié selon l'une quelconque des revendications 1 à 4, dans lequel les particules dures sont en silice, en oxyde d'aluminium et/ou en carbure de silicium.
6. Stratifié selon la revendication 5, dans lequel les particules dures présentent une taille moyenne d'environ 1-80 μm , de préférence d'environ 5-60 μm .
7. Stratifié selon l'une quelconque des revendications 1 à 6, dans lequel la couche de base est constituée d'un panneau en particules ou d'un panneau en fibres.
8. Stratifié selon l'une quelconque des revendications 1 à 6, dans lequel la couche de base est constituée d'une ou de plusieurs feuilles de papier imprégnées d'une résine thermodurcissable, lesquelles feuilles ont été collées ensemble et aux feuilles en papier transparentes par durcissement sous l'action de chaleur et de pression.